THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) A proposal to enact a legislation for Unorganised Sector Workers is under consideration of the Government.

Bonded child labour

1279. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children under fourteen years of age who are still employed as bonded labourers in the country;

(b) the number of children out of these that have fallen prey to sexual exploitation during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government are soliciting NGOs' support Nationally and Internationally to curb this menace of bonded labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any discrimination amongst child bondage and adult bondage. No separate data on child bondage is provided by the State Government.

(c) Yes Sir. Social workers/NGOs have been associated with the Vigilance Committee at District and Sub-Divisional levels as per Section 13(2) of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.

Problems of unorganised workers

1280. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey to assess the problems and conditions of unorganised workers;

(b) if so, the sectors where unorganised workers suffer more; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Government carries out surveys on the working and living conditions of unorganised sector workers in selected industries/occupations from time to time. Since the surveys of